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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Eduard ERHARDT  
COMPUTER SYSTEM CONNECTED TO A DATA COMMUNICATIONS  
NETWORK  
**Assignee: SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT**  
Our Ref. Q76086

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising twelve (12) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and one (1) sheet of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, Assignment and Information Disclosure Statement will be submitted at a later date.

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE01/04820, filed December 20, 2001, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the published International Application and a copy of Applicants' PCT Request.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>9</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>      </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>      </u>	\$0.00	
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Germany	100 64 658.1	December 22, 2000

**The priority document will be filed at a later date. Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Sunday, the filing of this application on Monday, June 23, 2003, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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